

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 – 9. (Cancelled)

10. (Currently Amended) A method for transmitting content data over a computer network comprising the steps:

providing a first interface to publishers to define content data objects;

providing a second interface to a user of a client computer to select some of the content data objects;

providing a third interface to the user to select payment terms and conditions for the transmission of the content data objects that were selected;

providing a switching network to transmit the content data objects that were selected; and

causing transfer of a portion of a payment from the user to each of the publishers of the content data objects that were selected;

processing the content data objects that were selected for transmission according to a format requested by the user; and

aggregating the content data objects that were selected in response to the request from the user.

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the step of causing transfer of payments from the user to the publishers is in accordance to respective contributed proportions of the content data objects transmitted to the user.

12 – 35. (Cancelled)

36. (Currently Amended) A server computer coupled to one or more content provider computers operated by a publishers, and coupled to a client computer operated by a user, the server computer comprising:

a first interface provided to the publishers to define content data objects;

a second interface provided to the user to select the content data objects from the publishers;

a third interface provided to the user to select payment terms and conditions for the transmission of the content data objects that were selected;

a fourth interface to a switching network for transmission of the content data objects that were selected to the user upon a request from the user;

an aggregating program that aggregates the content data objects that were selected in response to the request from the user; and

a billing program that causes a transfer a portion of a payment from the user to each of the publishers of the content data objects that were selected in exchange for and in accordance to respective contributed proportions of the content data objects that were selected and transmitted to the user.

37 – 40. (Cancelled)

41. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 further comprising;

processing the content data objects that were selected for transmission according to a type of client computing device operated by the user to access the content data objects that were selected.

42. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 the step of causing transfer includes

determining the portion of the payment due to the publisher from the user depending upon a type of content data objects that were selected and contributed by the publisher.

43. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the request includes a download request or a purchase request.

44. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the content data objects comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program

data.

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10 wherein the content data objects comprise automatically generated content data objects from an embedded computing device.
46. (Previously Presented) The server computer of claim 36 wherein the request include a download request or a purchase request.
47. (Previously Presented) The server computer of claim 36 further comprising a format program for formatting the content data objects that were selected for transmission according to the type of a client computer device operated by the user to access the content data objects that were selected.
48. (Previously Presented) The server computer of claim 36 wherein the billing program determines the portion of the payments due to the publishers of the selected content data objects depending upon the types of the content data objects that were selected and contributed by the publishers.
49. (Previously Presented) The server computer of claim 36 wherein the content data objects that were selected comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program data.
50. (Previously Presented) A method for transmitting content data over a computer network comprising:
- providing a server computer coupled to content provider computers operated by publishers and a client computer operated by a user;
 - providing a first interface to the content provider computers that allows the publishers to define content data objects;
 - providing a second interface to the client computer that allows the user to select the content data objects;

providing a third interface to the client computer that allows the user to select payment terms and conditions for the transmission of the content data objects that were selected;

providing a fourth interface to a switching network for transmission of the content data objects that were selected to the user upon a request from the user;

aggregating the content data objects selected by the user in response to the request from the user; and

causing transfer of a portion of a payment from the user to each of the publishers of the content data objects that were selected in exchange for and in accordance to respective contributed portions of the content data objects that were selected and transmitted to the user.

51. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50 further comprising:

Processing the content data objects that were selected for transmission according to the type of client computing device operated by the user to access the content data objects that were selected.

52. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50 wherein the step of causing transfer includes determining the portion of the payment due to the publishers depending upon the types of the content data objects that were selected and contributed by the publishers.

53. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50 wherein the request includes a download request or a purchase request.

54. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50 wherein the content data objects comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program data.

55. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 50 wherein the content data objects comprise automatically generated content data from an embedded computing device.

56. (Previously Presented) A server for transmitting content data over a computer network comprising:

- a first interface provided to publishers for defining content data objects;
- a second interface provided to a user of a client computer for selecting some of the content data objects by a user computer;
- a third interface provided to the user for selecting payment terms and conditions for transmitting the content data objects that were selected by the user;
- a switching network that transmits the content data objects;
- a billing program that causes a transfer a portion of a payment from the user to each of the publishers of the content data objects that were selected;
- a format program that processes the content data objects that were selected for transmission according to a format requested by the user; and
- an aggregating program that aggregates the content data objects that were selected in response to a request from the user.

57. (Previously Presented) The server of claim 56 wherein the billing program causes the portions of the payment from a user to the publishers to be in accordance to respective contributed portions of the content data objects transmitted to the user.

58. (Currently Amended) The server ~~computer~~ of claim 56 wherein the request includes a download request or a purchase request.

59. (Currently Amended) The server ~~computer~~ of claim 56 further comprising a format program for formatting the content data objects that were selected for transmission according to the type of a client computer device operated by the user to access the content data objects that were selected.

61. (Currently Amended) The server ~~computer~~ of claim 56 wherein the billing program determines the portion of the payments due to the publishers of the selected content data objects depending upon the types of the content data objects that were selected and

contributed by the publishers.

62. (Currently Amended) The server ~~computer~~ of claim 58 wherein the content data objects that were selected comprise at least one of: digital text data, digital audio data, digital video data, and computer program data..